

What is more important than one's personal health care information? Not even their financial information. Because we are talking about life and death issues here, Mr. Speaker. It has given waivers and delays to politically favored friends, but left the rest of America to bear the full weight of the law. That is what we were talking about in this poster that I want my colleagues, once again, to focus on in regard to "fairness for all"—"fairness for all." We are not getting it.

To quell the public's growing discontent, the President is actually now marketing efforts to protect families from this looming train wreck as "crazy." The American people face costly and onerous mandates, small businesses struggle to keep up with the rising costs, doctors—my colleagues, my former colleagues in Georgia where I practiced for 26 years obstetrics and gynecology in Cobb County, Marietta, Georgia, the heart of the Eleventh Congressional District—doctors frustrated with the challenges of a government-run health care system, and the security of America's health and financial information is unknown.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, the doctors know, they know this is just a first salvo. They understand that the intent was to have a single-payer system, not unlike the UK or Canada or Australia. That is what the leading Democrats—the Democrats that have been in this body for 20, 30, 40, and in some cases 50 years—have been trying to literally force-feed to the American people who absolutely don't want it.

Add October 1 to the list of dates on which the Obama administration pretends an unworkable health care scheme is precisely what the American people were promised—an admission not yet made, but inevitable nonetheless. Mark down October 1, 2013, as a day in infamy, as a day in infamy.

This behavior, Mr. Speaker, is not what Americans deserve, and it is a reminder that we need new leadership. We need new leadership in the White House and in the Senate. We need a new Senate majority leader. After 2014, I think we are going to have one. House Republicans will continue working day and night to return the United States Government to business as usual—to business as usual.

I oppose a government shutdown. As I said at the outset of the hour, Mr. Speaker—as I conclude our time—I oppose a government shutdown, and I am fighting, yes, to repeal ObamaCare, as I have for the last 4 years.

In the meantime—in the meantime—I do agree with President Obama that implementation of this flawed and disastrous health care law must be delayed, it must be delayed. However, Mr. Speaker, the President has only delayed ObamaCare for his political friends—a few privileged Americans and big corporations.

That is where we disagree. If we cannot repeal the law, I believe that it must be delayed for all Americans. We

have spent the last 50 minutes, Mr. Speaker, talking about that, explaining to our colleagues in this Chamber and to the American people that this law is not and will never be ready for prime time.

It was flawed from the very beginning. Has it brought down the cost of health care? Is there anything in the law about medical liability reform that the President promised? Has it fulfilled the pledge from the President of the United States that "if you like your health insurance, you can keep it, nothing has to change"? Has it fulfilled the mandate that it has strengthened Medicare?

How, Mr. Speaker, can a law strengthen Medicare when \$750 billion was taken out of that program for our precious seniors—our parents and our grandparents—that are struggling, it is struggling. Statistics show that if we don't make some changes by as early as 2016 that claims will not be honored. When that happens and when we continue to cut reimbursement to our providers, there will be no primary care doctors to take care of our most precious seniors.

So these are the things that from the very beginning you are robbing Peter to pay Paul, you are taking money out of one entitlement program to create a whole new entitlement program—I guess you could call it, Mr. Speaker: Medicare for all from cradle to grave. But really what it is is national health insurance.

We are talking about health care in this country is one-sixth of our economy. Do we want the Federal Government—think about it, ladies and gentlemen of the House of Representatives on both sides of the aisle, think about it—do you want the Federal Government, that entity that runs Amtrak, that entity that is responsible for the U.S. Postal Service, do you want that entity to run one-sixth of the economy, and that one-sixth dealing with life and death and the health of a Nation? No, no, Mr. Speaker. We don't want that; the American people don't want that, just voted loud and clear.

It just astounds me that this Democratic majority in the Senate and this President won't even agree to basic fairness issues, like I have here on this poster, won't even agree to go to conference with the conferees that our great Speaker JOHN BOEHNER has appointed to just sit down and talk. The President goes all over the world talking to people that I wouldn't talk to. In a New York minute I wouldn't talk to them; I wouldn't trust them. But we can trust each other.

The men and women in this House on both sides of the aisle, the men and women in the Senate on both sides of the aisle, the leadership, these are honorable people. And to just stand in the way of sitting down and having a conversation and saying, look, you disagreed with our "fairness for all" issue; you disagreed with our "no special treatment." Please let's talk.

That is what Speaker BOEHNER is saying to Leader REID. I think, Mr. Speaker, I think if we do that, I think if we do that, we can solve this problem and move forward with the financial security of this Nation.

We are at a physical cliff. We owe \$17 trillion. On October 17, the Treasury says we are going to have to borrow another God knows how much. Is it \$1 trillion, is it \$2 trillion, is it \$3 trillion? I don't know. But we can't kick the can down the road anymore. This can won't even move, it is so crunched up.

It is time for us to come together, as the Speaker says, and let's talk.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1348. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3163. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical, Physical Readiness, Training, and Access Authorization Standards for Protective Force Personnel [Docket No.: DOE-HQ-2012-0002] (RIN: 1992-AA40) received September 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3164. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Human Reliability Program: Technical Amendments (RIN: 1992-AA44) received September 12, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3165. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting a report on New Federal Maritime Commission proposed systems of records subject to the Privacy Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3166. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No.: 121018563-3148-02] (RIN: 0648-XC803) received September 12, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.